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## AUSTIN.

The General Appropriation Bill Discussed at Length, Amended and Passed by the House.

Further Discussion of the Land Bill to Which a Substitute is Offered and Considered.

Several Bills of Minor Importance Passed Including the Amendment to the Election Laws.

The Senate Meets but Adjourns for Want of a Quorum—Editors in a Quarrel.

Special to the Gazette.

Austin, March 13.—The senate was called to order and the roll called, but there was no quorum present. On motion of Mr. Buchanan the senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

House.

The house took up the bill entitled an act to amend articles 1,696, 1,694, 1,695, 1,702, 1,703 and 1,732, title 34, chapters 1, 5 and 6 of the revised civil statutes of Texas and providing for the establishment of two ballot boxes in each election precinct in each county, to be known and described as number one and number two.

Mr. Caven offered a substitute providing that the first regular or called session of the commissioners court in each county in each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, said court shall select and appoint some suitable and competent person in each election precinct to serve as presiding officer of elections in said precinct, and said appointment shall be noted upon the minutes of the court, provided that the commissioners court of any county may have the power, when they deem advisable, to appoint two presiding officers for each election precinct, one of whom shall be the presiding officer of the ballot box used for the deposit of ballots cast for electors for president and vice-president of the United States and the other presiding officer of the ballot box used for the deposit of ballots cast for state, district and county officers.

The substitute was adopted and the bill engrossed.

Mr. Stagner offered his resolution calling for a railroad bill committee. It is outlined in these dispatches yesterday, the resolution was laid on the table until Tuesday night a week.

Mr. Chenoweth called up the bill for relief of the heirs of John W. Thomas who fell at the storming of the Alamo and the bill was passed.

The bill to amend the act of the seventeenth legislature repealing the law relating land certificates to railroads taken up and amendment was adopted providing that said certificates issued shall never be claim against the state of Texas in the event that no public lands upon which to locate said certificates be found, and the bill was engrossed.

This is the bill for the relief of the New York, Texas & Mexican railway, which is commonly known as Count Pelletier's road. Twenty-six miles of this road were finished and accepted by the state inspector but because of sickness of the latter his report was not made until after the Seventeenth legislature repealed the law. Under the circumstances the commissioner felt unauthorized and refused to issue patents and this bill calling for four hundred and twenty sections is to grant the relief sought.

The house then resumed consideration of the general appropriation bill. The items devoted to historical purposes at Galad, Refugio, Lagrange and San Jacinto on motion of Mr. Tilton were stricken out.

They were afterwards re-considered and being reduced one half were approved.

The amount for re-building the stable of the deaf and dumb asylum was reduced to five hundred dollars.

A long discussion ensued over the appropriation of money for the fish commissioner which the merits and demerits of the present and succeeding incumbents were freely alluded to and during which the governor was indirectly criticized for his new appointments. The items were left intact.

Another discussion took place over the item for the purchase of the Southern Historical papers, but all the amendments and motions to strike out were voted down.

Some discussion ensued on a motion to pay sums for the Agricultural and Mechanical college out of the university fund instead of the general revenue and the amendment was lost. The bill was then ordered engrossed.

Mr. Chenoweth offered an amendment to provide a salary of three thousand dollars for state engineer. His object was to have such officer appointed under the Gibson substitute. The law provides for such officer, but this motion was in line with the reported programme of slaughtering the Gibson substitute. The point of order was raised that the item could not be inserted except in committee of the whole, and as the bill was on its final passage the house could not go into committee.

After some discussion and confusion Mr. Chenoweth withdrew the amendment with the view to securing its insertion when the bill is considered by the senate. After some further discussion and the rejection of various amendments the bill finally passed.

The land bill then came up as a special order, but was postponed until to-morrow at 10 o'clock. The vote was reconsidered.

and the house adjourned until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The land bill came up as special order. Mr. Brown's amendment was pending to the senate bill, to which Mr. Robertson of Williamson offered a substitute.

The latter provides for an educational land department, to be under the control of a board composed of the governor, treasurer, comptroller, and commissioner of the land office. It provides for the classification of agricultural lands in quantities of 160 acres, watered at five and unwatered at three dollars per acre. It refuses to sell pasture lands but allows their lease for from three to ten years for the highest bidder. It also prohibits the sale of timber off the same.

Mr. Robertson spoke earnestly in favor of his substitute, his principal argument being in favor of inducements to actual agricultural settlers and the saving of pasture lands as the property of the state, until they became more valuable.

Mr. Robertson of Jack thought there were many good features in both the amendments and substitutes, but he considered the only way to effect any legislation on this subject was to cure the defects in the senate bill and pass it.

Mr. Moursund made a long argument in which he took strong grounds against leasing any lands at all.

Mr. Browning criticized the senate bill quite severely, and in an argument of considerable length and force sought to show up its defects and inconsistencies. He argued that the threats that the bill was the only one which could be passed, should not control the action of the house.

The gentleman being indisposed was unable to complete his argument and the house adjourned.

Notes.

A communication appeared in the San Antonio Express of Sunday, which reflected very strongly on the management of the Statesman of this city.

Mr. W. P. Gaines has demanded from the Express the name of the author and the matter will most probably assume a personal shape. Gaines is a man of courage and seems determined and a retraction or flight may safely be underlined for the near future.

Statistics show Fish Commissioner Robertson of Texas has been more successful in the propagation of German carp than has any other commissioner in America. This fact, coupled with Governor Ireland's assertion in his inaugural that removals would be made only in cases where the public service demanded, leaves the governor vulnerable to adverse criticism and he is not being spared in that particular.

In this connection the Statesman charges, upon what authority is unknown, that Robertson was notified he could retain his position if he would use his influence to have the penitentiary leases ratified, but he refused and for that reason was removed.

The remarks made on the floor of the house today by a member in his speech reflecting upon General George D. Johnston, of Alabama, who is now visiting the city, were the subject of earnest condemnation by nearly every one who heard them. General Johnston was a gallant Confederate officer who rose rapidly from second lieutenant to brigadier-general because of bravery and devotion to the lost cause; is a gentleman of irreproachable personal character and of the highest standing wherever known.

General indications point to the fact that the senate land bill will be supplemented in the house by a substitute bill, most probably that offered by Robertson of Williamson. It has been understood that the latter reflects Commissioner Walsh's views upon the question which if true means a *quo pro non* to the favor of the members.

Maddox Bros., of this city, bought fourteen thousand dollars worth of fifty cent lands today.

The list of notaries for the state will be sent to the senate to-morrow.

The Noland & Price Hardware Company, of Dallas, filed an amendment to their charter, increasing their capital to \$100,000.

The comptroller deposited \$20,000 to the credit of general revenue and \$8,000 to the school fund.

Up to this time the governor has signed thirty-two bills, two resolutions and one special bill.

## SAN ANTONIO.

Adjournment of the Grand Jury—General Diaz Party—Heavy Rains.

Special to the Gazette.

San Antonio, March 13.—The federal court grand jury adjourned today. It found a number of indictments, among them one against L. Huppertz, late assistant postmaster for embezzlement of government money.

General Diaz and party will reach Laredo at ten o'clock to-night and arrive here at six in the morning, and leave at ten to-morrow on a special train for New York by way of St. Louis.

There was a heavy rain all night long all over the west. Streams are very high and still raining. The country southeast is reported sustained considerable damage. Trains three to five hours behind time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Allen Gower, formerly Miss Norton, the prima donna, have issued cards for receptions at their residence in Paris Mondays in March.

James Gordon Bennett was recently at Cannes with a large party; also Gen. James Grant Wilson, Mr. John P. Bigelow and Gen. Mauran.

Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, late rector of the American Episcopal church, Paris, and Miss Hitchcock have gone to Naples en route for the Holy Land.

## GALVESTON.

The Gulf Waters Angry—Contested Seats—A Rumor Denied.

Special to the Gazette.

Galveston, March 13.—The weather today has been portentous. A strong gale accompanied by heavy rain set in from the eastward at a little before noon and continued throughout the day. To-night the rain has partially subsided, but a stiff wind is still blowing. The gulf is exceedingly high and boisterous. Lower portions of the city are flooded with water. Indications to-night are that the storm has not yet spent its force and considerable dread is felt by the timid that this is the beginning of Wiggins' great storm.

The city council met this evening in adjourned session to consider the contested election between John A. Cotter present incumbent from the Sixth ward and Frank D. Mitchell. Counsel for the parties appeared and stated that the contest could not properly come before the present board, but would have to be acted upon by the new board. A resolution was then adopted setting Mr. Cotter, subject, however, to contest.

Much speculation exists as to who are to be the members of the mayor-elect's cabinet. Hundreds are applying, basing their claims upon their influence or services rendered during the campaign. The mayor elect is, however, reticent as to what he will do.

Manager John Sealey, of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, denies the rumor current that the company contemplates removing its machine shops to Houston in consequence of the defeat of the right of way ordinance through the city to their property in the east end.

Dr. W. S. Rogers received his commission to-day from Governor Ireland as colonel and medical director of the first division of the Texas state militia.

## CLIFTON.

Supposed Discovery of a Vein of Coal—Arrest—Farming Notes.

Special to the Gazette.

Clifton, Texas, March 13.—Our people are becoming excited over the imagined existence of a coal mine within a mile of town. A party of several persons to prove their faith by their works have been digging for some days having improvised some machinery for that purpose. Some are very sanguine over the prospects while others will await further developments before going wild.

Chester Lewis who is wanted in Barleson county to answer to the charge of rape, was arrested here today by our sheriff.

Owing to continued rains farming has progressed very little in this section.

Cotton shipments from this point will reach two thousand bales, about four times as much as the shipments of last season.

## TYLER.

A Fire Company Organized—District Court—Cold and Rainy.

Special to the Gazette.

Tyler, March 13.—A meeting was held at the opera-house last night to consider the question of a fire company. A volunteer organization was effected with an unusual large membership. The company will be under the direction of J. P. Douglass and L. W. Flood.

In the district court to-day a judgment for \$700 was recovered against the Texas & St. Louis railway company by Wm. Ramsey, a former conductor on that line.

Weather rainy, light norther this evening.

## THE STOCKMEN.

Close of the Convention at Colorado—Grand Ball and Banquet.

Special to the Gazette.

Colorado, March 13.—After transacting some routine business the Stockmen's Association adjourned today to meet next year at Abilene, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March. Colorado's lavish hospitality is being displayed to-night at the court house where a grand ball and banquet are being luxuriously patronized by the beauty and gallantry of this and many other cities.

This section has just been visited by heavy and much needed rain.

## NEW YORK.

The Western Union Dividends—Steamer on Fire—Passenger Agents.

New York, March 13.—The executive committee of the Western Union Telegraph Company to-day resolved to advise the board of directors at their meeting to-morrow to declare a dividend of one and three-quarter per cent, to be made payable April 15th next. This is the largest dividend that has ever been declared. The books will close on the 25th of this month and open again on the 17th of next month.

On the arrival of the steamship Hudson from New Orleans this morning a fire was discovered in the lower hatch. The fire department was called and soon a dozen steamers were at work, the vessel being flooded, that being deemed the most effective method of extinguishing the fire. The cargo consists of cotton and stores, and the fire was traced to where the cotton was stored. The damage cannot be estimated, and many other cities.

The semi-annual convention of the

National Association of Passenger Agents, began here to-day. The attendance is very large and the session secret, but it was learned that the discussions were mainly in regard to a uniform style of tickets; improvements in the baggage checking system and matters connected with the passenger business.

After roll call a number of new members were admitted. The report of the general committee on special cars for theatrical purposes was adopted at the recommendation of the committee. The question of prorating the cost of through reversible baggage checks was discussed. A committee was appointed to prepare a universal form of tickets. The committee on roads was discharged without making a report.

It was decided the next meeting should take place the third Tuesday in September next in Chicago. The convention then adjourned until to-morrow, when the election of officers for the ensuing year will come up.

The stockholders of the Broadway Underground Railway Company, elected Wm. Windom of Minnesota to the board of directors. The directors elected Melville C. Smith president and General Egbert Viele engineer.

## ST. LOUIS.

Annual Meeting of the Directors of all the Great Railroad Companies.

Election of the New York Money Kings as Directors—Business Statement.

St. Louis, March 13.—At the annual meeting of the Washab, St. Louis and Pacific Railway company to-day the following directors were elected to serve three years: Jay Gould, Russell Sage, A. L. Hopkins, R. S. Hayes, F. L. Ames.

Earnings for the year were \$16,531,690, operating expenses \$11,664,752, net earnings \$4,866,938, and miscellaneous receipts \$328,790. Total net receipts \$5,195,728. Total net receipts for 1882 \$5,315,908. Total net receipts for 1881 \$3,674,846. Funded debt \$70,937,854, loans and notes payable \$327,656, sundry securities on hand \$8,667,696.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis & Santa Fe railway company directors were elected as follows: C. P. Huntington, Leland Stanford, Jay Gould, Russell Sage, Jesse Seligman, Edward F. Wilson, Jas. V. Fish, W. F. Buckley, Horace Porter, A. S. Hatch, Walter H. Frost, R. S. Hayes, Chas. W. Rogers. The 174,748 shares were voted out of a total capital of 200,000 shares. The new board will meet at an early day in New York for organization.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad this morning the election of directors for the coming year resulted in no change. The board is as follows: Jay Gould, R. S. Hayes, T. T. Eckert, F. L. Ames, Sidney Dillon, H. E. Morgan, Henry Wheelan, James S. Lowery, J. Terry, Samuel Schechter, Russell Sage, R. S. Lockland, R. C. Kerns.

The directors of the Missouri Pacific company, the annual meeting of which was also held this morning is identically the same as the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern in every way. The following points are from the annual report of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railway: Gross earnings for 1882 \$7,582,298, operating expenses including improvements, betterments and taxes \$3,910,883, cost of improvements \$277,321, net earnings \$3,671,415, number of miles of main track operated, 1,000; increase over 1881 of 205. The number of miles of main track, 1,194. Capital stock, \$22,810,063, funded debt \$3,379,900.

The Missouri Pacific's annual report summarised is as follows. Gross earnings for 1882 \$8,094,918, operating expenses including the cost of all improvements and taxes, \$4,476,210, net earnings \$3,618,708, cost of improvements \$408,770. The equipment consists of 152 locomotives, 4,813 cars of all descriptions. Capital stock \$22,810,063, funded debt \$3,379,900.

Considering the shortness of the crops last year and other adverse circumstances which affected the earnings during the first part of the year, this showing is regarded as quite favorable. The increased net receipts over those of 1881 being \$1,846,732. Of this increase \$308,817 were for passenger business. Two-thirds of the stock was voted at the meeting of the directors. Adjourned to meet in New York on April third.

A Post-Dispatch special from Jefferson City says the Downing high license bill, as it passed the senate, was passed by the house by one majority to-day, and is now a law.

## Overdosed.

Louisville, Ky., March 13.—Captain E. H. Moles of the firm of Hall, Moles & Co., this city took an overdose of morphine last evening and despite the efforts of physicians died at an early hour this morning. It is not believed it was taken with suicidal intent.

Mr. Moles has been in the habit of taking morphine for the severe attacks of headache which trouble him. He came home from business complaining of feeling unwell and laid down and never arose again. He was well known in business circles in the south. He came from New Orleans to this city several years ago. He leaves a wife and three children.

## Failure.

New York, March 13.—The well known whisky and wine house of Ives, Beecher & Co., failed to-day for nearly \$500,000. The firm has stood well for a quarter of a century, the paper of the firm having ranked as the best on the market. The value of the assets can't even be estimated.

## WASHINGTON.

The Government Seeking to Improve its Systems of Teaching in the Military School.

An Effort to Secure the Land Grants to the Gulf & Ship Island Railway.

A Red Handed Manifesto Issued by the Central Committee on Labor Legislation.

Public Men and Representatives in Congress Denounced as Liars and Plunderers—Notes.

Washington, March 13.—The defense continued the presentation of petitions and other papers in the star route trial this morning. After about two hours had been consumed in monotonous reading, Ingersoll said his supply of papers was exhausted, but was hopeful of finding more for the afternoon session. Although the court seemed to attach small importance to this kind of evidence, remarking that the house full of it would not weigh a feather, Wilson procured a fresh supply of papers and continued reading.

In directing Profs. Geo. L. Andrews and Samuel E. Tillman, of the United States military academy, to visit Howard, Yale and other American colleges, the secretary of war desires a thorough inquiry to be made into the course of study and methods of instruction at the leading American universities and colleges. Spouting of the subject to-day General Drum said this may be considered a new departure but the world moves and we must keep abreast with the spirit of the age. It is desirable that West Point should avail itself of everything which is commended and endorsed by the ripe experience of our leading institutions of learning.

The Gulf & Ship Island railway was included in the list of land grant railroads which the judiciary committee of the house during the forty-seventh congress reported upon, recommending that their land grants be declared forfeited for the reason that the work of construction had not been begun. No action however was taken by congress and it is now reported that representative Manning of Mississippi and other gentlemen who have obtained control of the charter have gone to New York for the purpose of interesting capitalists there in forming a syndicate to supply the funds necessary to complete the road or some portion of it with the expectation that the valuable land grant can be secured. It is further reported that a meeting will be held in Wall street to discuss and mature a plan of operations.

The board of directors appointed by the central committee on labor legislation, organized by authority of the last congress of the national labor unions and assemblies of labor of the United States have issued a manifesto headed with the slogan "To your tents Israel." The manifesto denounces the majority of the senate as lawless retainers of federal capitalists, demands an extra session of congress as the remedy for impending strikes and advises all wage-workers to join their trades-unions or Knights of Labor and present an unbroken front. It denounces the abrupt suspension of the senate investigation of the relations between capital and labor and says this action, coupled with late proceedings, inimical to interests of wage-workers, convinces the board of directors of the lawlessness and hollow hypocrisy of the professions of a majority of senators. The complete subjection of our legislation to the moneyed power has never been more clearly demonstrated than by the recent tariff legislation of the Forty-seventh congress, which threatens to result in the immediate and distressing reduction of wages in many great manufacturing of the country. The attempt will naturally lead to a strike, and consequent misery and want, and probably riot and disorder will ensue, and the blame will be sought as usual to be attached to the poor workman instead of the gay and festive liars, hypocrites, jugglers and public plunderers who basely abuse the powers reposed in them by a confiding people. The psalmist says: "All men of high degree are liars," and if he had lived in Washington to-day he would repeat the assertion with our supplementary attachment. Human agencies have undoubtedly devised schemes by which the few have enslaved the many and human beings must rectify the wrong. We should not continue to look into the clouds of heaven like ignorant curs for deliverance from our oppressors but to one another. Federated drones must be counterbalanced by federated laborers demanding with one voice immediate reform. Whatever we do, however, should be done peaceably if possible and in accordance with law.

The only members of the cabinet present at the meeting to-day were Secretary's Frelinghuysen, Teller, Chandler and Lincoln. Secretary Folger was too ill to attend. The postmaster-general and attorney-general are out of the city.

It is the general impression among officials of the treasury department that Assistant Treasurer Wyman will be appointed to succeed Treasurer Gillfillan. The president has said he will be guided entirely in this matter by the secretary of the treasury.

Chief of the secret service division of the treasury department has been advised that the most dangerous counterfeit made its appearance in Ohio and Indiana. The base coin has the exact weight, ring and appearance of the genuine and resists acid test unless the outer coating of silver is penetrated. It would readily be accepted as genuine by merchants.

Capital Notes.

Washington, March 13.—Secretary Folger was not at the treasury department to-day. His health does not improve as rapidly as expected. He will probably acquiesce in his physicians advice and take a short sea voyage in a few days in order to recuperate. Assistant Secretary French will continue acting secretary of the treasury for some time.

By the death of Lieutenant Colonel Wm. H. Brown of the First Infantry, Major C. A. Bartlett of the Eleventh Infantry will be promoted to lieutenant-colonel of the First Infantry, Captain Jas. A. Snider of the Third Infantry to major of the Eleventh Infantry, First Lieutenant Edmund Rice of the Fifth Infantry to captain of the Fifth Infantry and Second Lieutenant J. C. Tilton of the Fifth Infantry to first lieutenant of the Fifth Infantry.

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## The Dukes-Nutt Murder Case.

Uniontown, Pa., March 13.—When the Dukes-Nutt trial was resumed this morning, James Nutt, son of the deceased was put on the stand to prove that he had seen Dukes drop an anonymous letter reflecting on his sister, in the road near his fathers house. This evidence was ruled out. The letters which Dukes had written to Captain Nutt when offered in evidence, and against the strenuous efforts of the defense were admitted. They were read to the jury by Mr. Hayford and created a profound sensation in the court-room. In point of infamy they were fully up to expectations. Dukes acknowledges unsolicited that he enjoyed illicit intercourse with Capt. Nutt's daughter and gives alleged town rumors concerning her character. In closing he expresses his opinion that Miss Nutt was in a delicate condition and inferentially suggested to Capt. Nutt that an abortion might save the honor of his daughter and family. The prosecution here rested.

The defense in opposing proved that Dukes had said to Mrs. Jennings as she left the room after the meeting, that he was sorry for what he had done, but he had acted in self-defense as Captain Nutt would have killed him if he had not killed Nutt.

## HOUSTON.

The Weaker Part of Wiggins' Storm on a Tour.

Special to the Gazette.

Houston, March 13.—The narrow end of Wiggins' storm struck Corpus Christi, Indianola and other points along the coast at ten o'clock this forenoon with high wind and heavy rain, during which time the natives were greatly badly frightened and telegraphic communication was cut off. In the afternoon the storm subsided and the wires reported all right again. In Houston from twelve to four o'clock the rain fell in torrents with occasional violent gusts of wind. No harm done as far as heard from.

## THE TURF.

New Orleans, March 13.—The races to-day resulted as follows: First race—One thousand and two hundred yards, Hickory Jim, first; Eva K., second; Turn, third. Time, 1:10.

Second race—Three-fourths of a mile, Lariminto, first; Billy G., second; Referee, third. Time, 1:16.

Third race—one and one-sixteenths of a mile, Lizzie McWhirter, first; Manitou, second; Annie, third. Time, 1:52.

## AN ELOPEMENT.

How a Loving Couple Spoiled the Plans of Fond Parents.

Memphis, Tenn., March 10.—Social circles have been considerably stirred up in the past day or two on account of a runaway match with matrimonial intent, in which the oldest daughter of Attorney-General G. B. M. Turner, who is editor and proprietor of the Memphis Weekly Scimitar, and a Mr. Moore, formerly collector for that paper, were the participants. The event would have attracted but little attention beyond the excitement of the moment when it became known, but since nothing has been heard of the runaways since their leaving, the interest is becoming more intense among her former associates and painful to her parents. Mr. Moore was recently from Memphis and while a resident in good society and by his gentlemanly deportment won many warm friends, who regard him worthy of the young lady who has cast her lot with him. The parents of the young lady had hoped their daughter would adopt the stage for which she had developed a talent, and when Mr. Moore asked them for the hand of their daughter this was the only objection urged. Mr. Moore and his affianced put their heads together and resorted to the runaway stratagem to thwart the stage plans, she not wishing to adopt that profession and he determined that she should not if she did not wish to. The supposition is that the runaways are somewhere in Virginia in the vicinity of the former home of the bridegroom enjoying a happy honeymoon.

## A Woman Forgotten.

Galveston Print.

The husband of Kate Chase has married an adopted daughter of West Virginia. What changes are produced by the whirlwind of time! But a few short years ago he was the envy of the envious. He had captured a prize for which hundreds of knightly gentlemen, the flower of the land, would have shed their blood. Yesterday he strode Rhode Island like a shotgunned Colossus, or stood Mars-like in defense of his last-remnant and a crank. To-day he is a bridegroom and the prospective governor of Rhode Island. Where is Kate? Well, no matter. The world forgets the woman.